

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**In re Appln. Of:**

STANGIER, T. et al.

National Stage of  
PCT Application No.:

PCT/DE00/03222

**For:** BEARING DEVICE

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**BOX PCT APPLICATION**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculation of fees, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 5, as follows:

~~5. (Amended). A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).~~

~~Please add new claims 7-9, as follows:~~

~~7. A bearing device as set forth in claim 2 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).~~

~~8. A bearing device as set forth in claim 3 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).~~

~~9. A bearing device as set forth in claim 4 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).~~